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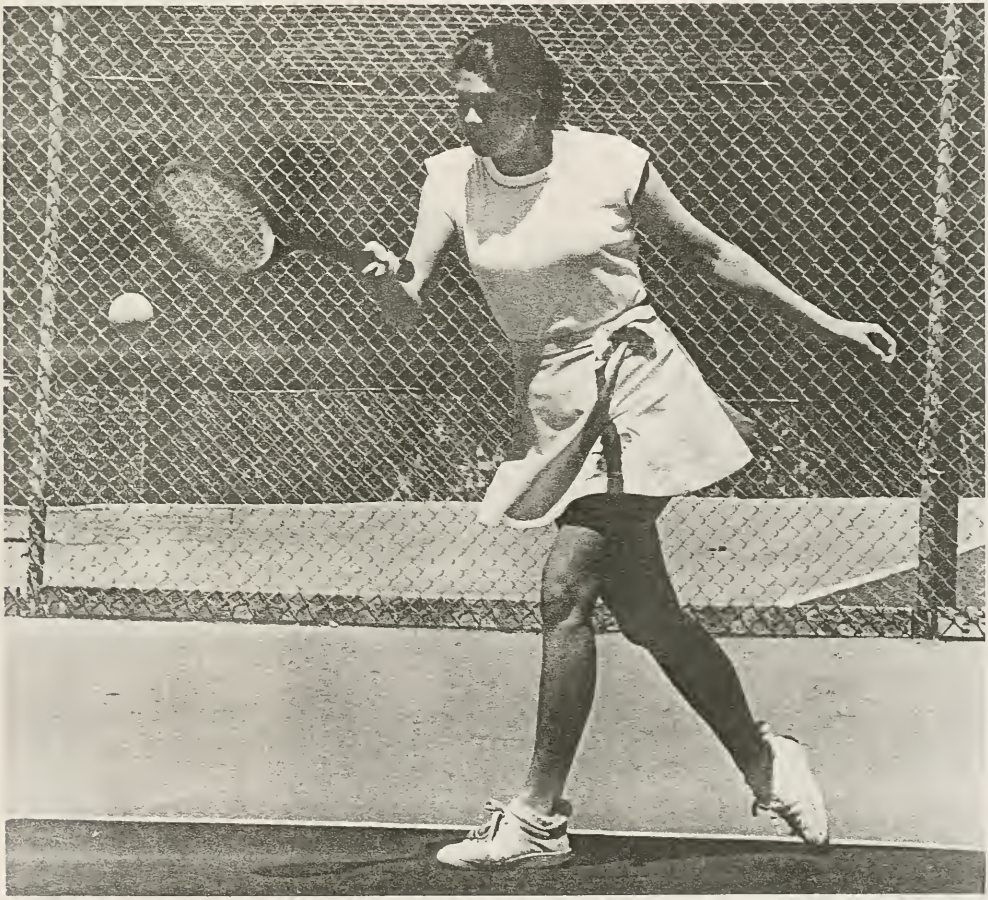

MBC's Holly Hamilton returns another serve as she goes on to win the Division III, Flight 2 singles' title in the Mid-Atlantic Women's Collegiate Tennis Championships.

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What's new/what's happening/what's current on the campus

Rite of Spring: Commencement

Dr Jill Conway

"The ability you have to see yourself as a competent woman, to have the ability to be caring, and the ability to search for your goal in life are the things that give your sense of self," said Dr. Jill Conway at MBC's 139 baccalaureate and commencement May 28.

Dr Conway, president of Smith College, spoke on "What Does a Liberal Education Mean in the1980s?" She encouraged the graduates to serve their college and country with the support they have received from their education and to "build others wherever you go and build well."

One hundred and seventy-six students received bachelor of arts degrees from President Lester and heard Dr Conway as featured morning speaker at graduation. In addition the prestigious Algernon Sydney Sullivan Awards were presented to América De La Garza, student recipient, and Justice George Cochran, community recipient.

President Lester presided over the baccalaureate and commencement, with musical selections by The Washington and Lee University Brass Quintet and the Choir of Mary Baldwin College.

The Rev Catherine Snyder, MBC chaplain, opened the program with the call to worship and invocation. Senior Pamela McCain followed with scripture readings. Margaret Szemiawski lead the seniors in a commencement litany for the seniors written by Dr Thomas H. Grafton, professor emeritus.

The Russell Award for recognition of academic attainment, high character and service to the college was presented to Rebecca Bertok. Glenda Kay Whitaker received the Martha Stackhouse Grafton Award for having the highest grade point average.

The Algernon Sydney Sullivan Awards for unselfish service to MBC were presented to América De La Garza and Justice George Cochran.

"Build Others Wherever You Go. . ."

De La Garza has been a member of the MBC basketball team, the Miscellany staff, the Recreation Association, and Omicron Delta Kappa. For 1980-81 she was named to Who's Who Among Students in America.

Cochran of Staunton was a practicing attorney for 33 years and appointed to the Supreme Court of Virginia in 1969, where he continues to serve. For 20 years he served as Staunton city attorney. Since 1967 he has been a member of the Mary Baldwin College Board of Trustees.

The Community Service Award was presented to Sister Cornelia Colgan, Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent dePaul, for her outstanding contributions to the Staunton community. Sister Colgan is currently serving at St Francis Parish as pastoral associate. In cooperation with several area churches, she established Meals on Wheels in the area. Also she established Home Care Service for the area aging and has done volunteer work at Western State, Staunton Senior Center, and other centers.

Following the commencement speech, the seniors were welcomed into the Alumnae Association by *Susan Hoffman* Thompson '64, alumnae president.

The day was filled with the pride and great expectations of parents and friends for the 176 graduates comprising the class of 1981

President Tackles Summer Schedule

President Lester's spring and summer activities include state as well as national events. Through her memberships, President Lester continually increases Mary Baldwin's visibility.

Since April, Lester has served as task force chairperson for the National Commission on the Independent College in Racine, Wis. April 24-26. She attended the 27th Annual National Security Seminar at the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa., June 1-5 and was also commencement speaker June 5 at Carlisle School in Martinsville, Va.

She rounded out the month attending "Financial Self-Assessment Strategies for Independent Colleges and Universities" in Charlottesville June 22-23.

Lester will begin July by speaking at the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education Annual Assembly in Washington, D.C., July 13-16. Participating in the program, "The Roles of the President in Advancement Activities," Lester will speak on "The Roles of the President in Alumni Relations" July 16.

The Council of Chief State School Officers will meet in Colorado Springs, Colo., August 2-7. Fifty chief school superintendents will meet to discuss educational quality in the 1980s. Also attending will be one key college or university president from each state. President Lester will represent Virginia. The seminar will focus on key issues for the 1980s: changing student patterns, curriculum, testing and evaluation, teacher training and assessment, and state coordination and statewide evaluation.

August 9-10, Lester will attend the board meeting of the National Center of Higher Education Management Systems in Boulder, Colo. NCHEMS is an independent, nonprofit organization devoted to improving planning and management in post-secondary education.

Alumnae Council Weekend Oct 2-4 will include sessions and workshops for key alumnae volunteers across the country. The weekend event, sponsored by the college and the Alumnae Association Board of Directors, will bring alumnae board members, 1982 reunion chairpersons, area coordinators in the alumnae admissions program, chapter leaders, and cookbook agents to campus for the planning/exchange session.

Registration brochures will be mailed separately. Please mark your calendars now, if you plan to attend the 1981 Fall Alumnae Council Weekend.

For further information, please call or write Alumnae Office, Mary Baldwin College, Staunton, VA 24401, (703)885-0811.

MBC News and Notes

GRANTS

Mellon Foundation

Mary Baldwin College was one of the six private college consortium participating in "1981 Six-College Faculty Development," June 2-13 at the University of Richmond

The program, a joint four-year faculty development program in the liberal arts, was funded by a $350,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Colleges sharing the grant are MBC, Hampden-Sydney, Randolph-Macon, Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Hollins, and Sweet Briar.

The series of seminars are designed to help professors from all six institutions regenerate the liberal arts curriculum among their students. Prime topics are curricular integration—bringing together all the facets of liberal learning—and proving the continuing importance and usefulness of liberal education to a generation of students who tend to view it as impractical.

Endowment for the Arts

The National Endowment of the Arts has awarded MBC, a $6,300 grant to support the residency of the Primavera String Quartet at MBC, Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Sweet Briar, Radford, and Hollins. The Primavera String Quartet, a professional group, will conduct concerts, workshops, demonstrations and media appearances at the five colleges involved. MBC is coordinating the grant.

American Institute of India

Sandra Freitag, MBC instructor in history, has received an award for work in India during 1981-82 from the American Institute of India. She will spend three months traveling in India, meeting with Indian scholars who have worked on related topics of research. Her research will focus on the definition of community in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Retirements

Four members of the Mary Baldwin College community, Dr. Patricia Menk, professor of history; Hattie Thomas, housekeeping supervisor; Eleanor Wilson, school nurse; and Margaret Oliver, school nurse, with a combined total of 76 years of service to MBC, will retire at the end of the semester.

Dr. Pat Menk came to Mary Baldwin College in 1952. Menk, a native of New Jersey, received her B.A. from Florida State College for Women, her M.A. and her Ph.D. from the University of Virginia.

At MBC Dr. Menk has served as chairman of the history department, coordinator of division II, director of MBC Summer Program Oxford, executive assistant to the president, and acting president.

Both Pat Menk and her husband retired this summer. The decision was a joint decision. They decided to retire while they could enjoy it—"before somebody pushed us around in wheelchairs."

"Hattie Thomas keeps everybody going from the president on down. She will be missed by everyone." When you talk about Thomas' retirement, that's the general response.

Thomas, a native of Waynesboro, came to MBC in 1963 after serving private families for many years. Initially employed as housekeeper, Thomas soon became supervisor of all housekeepers.

Thomas said she is retiring to do things she likes to do. But she will miss "the girls." "They are part of my family."

From the infirmary, **Margaret Oliver** and **Eleanor Wilson** are retiring. Oliver came to MBC in 1964. Oliver, born in New Jersey, attended nursing school at the Saint Joseph Hospital in Lancaster, Pa. Oliver said it is only natural to have a feeling of sadness about leaving. But retirement will also "be a joy," she said.

She has worked continually for 17 years and now plans to "take one day at a time" to relax. She plans to remove her wristwatch and stop watching the clock.

Margaret Wilson graduated from the Kings' Daughter's School of Nursing. Wilson said she only has one daughter, who lives in California. Wilson had worked in private duty at KDH. "I liked girls," so when a position at MBC opened, she applied. In 1969, Wilson began working at MBC infirmary.

Wilson plans to keep house, visit her daughter and granddaughter in California, and do volunteer work after retiring. She wants to keep busy after initially relaxing. Wilson laughed, "Come September, I will probably want to come down here and get going again."

Reminder

To complete the updating of our alumnae constituency file for the alumnae directory to be printed later this fall, we need your help! If you have not already done so, please complete and return the alumnae questionnaire you received this spring.

If you did not receive a questionnaire, please call the Mary Baldwin Alumnae Office. We will promptly send a questionnaire to your correct address.

Jack Brent, Board of Trustees, (l.) and Dr. Frank Pancake (r.) tete-a-tete at a cocktail party held to honor the board.

Visitor and Trustees Meet

The first two weekends in April on campus were busy and exciting ones! MBC's Aovisory Board of Visitors met April 3 and 4 followed by the Board of Trustees April 10 and 11.

Twenty-one members of the Board of Trustees, the governing board of the college attended, and each of the four standing committees worked on both Friday and Saturday. Among resolutions passed by the board were ones to implement a faculty evaluation system during the 1981-82 academic year; endorse and support the renovation of Memorial Hall as a Fine Arts Center; and approve officers for the board, new board members and members of the executive committee.

Chairwoman Rosemarie Sena introduced resolutions recognizing and commending retiring trustees Ouida Davis of Charleston, W.Va., Justice George Cochran of Staunton, and Paul Hirschbiel of Staunton.

Chairman Chet Rose and eighteen members of the Advisory Board of Visitors attended their spring meeting. Considerable discussion was given to ABV's future role. Among the actions recommended by the ABV were proposals to develop a "Counselor's Fund" to bring key college counselors to MBC and to support the Fine Arts Center Campaign.

Dr. McKelden Smith, who retired from the ABV, was recognized for his service.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees meets July 8 in Washington, D.C., and the full board will be on campus Oct. 23 and 24. The ABV's next scheduled meeting is Oct. 16-17.

Scholarship from Richmond

(l to r) Bocky Stephens '79, Leigh Yates '74, and Lindsay Ryland Gouldthorpe '73 of the Richmond Alumnae Chapter of Mary Baldwin College have good reason to celebrate. Amid the usual alumnae spring activities, the chapter proudly announced the Richmond Alumnae Chapter Scholarship. The award will be given in the 1981-82 fall session to a Richmond area freshman demonstrating strong academic and leadership ability.

Update of Events

June 21-July 11 Special Summer Science Program—S_2P!

June 22-July 10 Elderhostel, educational program for citizens 60 and over

July 19-August 8 Special Summer Science Program—S_2P!

July 18-August 16 Doshisha Women's College Program, women from the Japanese college in Kyoto, study English language and American civilization

September 14 Registration for classes

September 15 Classes begin

Whatever we would be, without you we will be less. Remember the annual fund.

Traditions and Transformations

Reunion '81!

"Remember when we had to wear those blue uniforms and floppy hats?" "I haven't seen Nancy since graduation." "Do you realize in the year 2021 we will have our fiftieth reunion?" Misty-eyed reminiscing, "plain-ole" gossip, and an abundance of laughter marked "Traditions and Transformations," MBC's 1981 reunion held May 15-17.

Gathered for the weekend event were over 250 alumnae from 13 classes. Classes represented were from '31, '35, '36, '37, '40, 41, '42, '56, '60, '61, '62, '71 and '76.

Festivities began on the overcast Friday with a reception honoring guest artist *Ruth Peters* Sproul '43 and continued with a special open house at the White Star Culinary Shop, campus tours, a reception at the President's house, and a buffet supper.

After a traditional MBC breakfast, Saturday's program began with the Alumnae College. Carol Rose, investment executive with the national stock brokerage and investment banking firm Paine, Webber, Jackson, and Curtis Inc., spoke on "Women and Money."

Rose stressed that women as well as men need to control finances. She explained "the importance of lifetime financial planning" with a three phase program: the learning stage, the working years, and the golden years or yearning years, depending on the second phase. She discussed the need for personal objectives in a financial plan and the need to learn about the different investment options available.

Ten year reunion alumnae, Anne Collins '71 (l.) and Lolly Catching '71 (r.) during an Alumnae College break.

Dr. Joseph Cox, academic president for Northern Arizona University, spoke eloquently on "Lifelong Learning—Why Me?" Cox, author of seven books, said education should be an "ongoing feeding of the mind" through formal classes or a personal learning plan. "We have nurtured and pampered every part of our being except the most important part—the mind."

At the Annual Alumnae Association Luncheon, *Susan Thompson* Hoffman '64, Alumnae Association president, presided. MBC President Lester reported to the alumnae the progress of the college in the last five years and where the college is headed.

At the luncheon, the Emily Smith Medallion for service to church, college and community was presented to *Mary Frances Cline* '40. Dr. Pat Menk was elected an honorary member to the association. *Ruth Hawkins* Dey was presented with a certificate for her work in organizing the reunion. *Elizabeth Johnson* '31 was honored for her continued support to the college.

Also recognized were members of the class of 31, reunion chairpersons, and members of the 25th year reunion for the 25th anniversary endowment fund and members of the 50th year reunion for the 50th anniversary endowment fund.

During the sunny Saturday afternoon, alumnae participated in a special movie and sports events: jogging, tennis and golf.

At the buffet dinner, awards for the sports events were presented along with the Road Runner Award going to *Mary Van Atta* Derr '40 from Boulder, Colo. for traveling the farthest to the reunion.

Following dinner, class parties were held. Sunday morning brunch closed the weekend program.

The Alumnae Board at their meetings reviewed the committee activities that had taken place during the year. They also unanimously passed resolutions to approve the draft of the chapter handbook and to support the Fine Arts Center Campaign.

New officers approved for 1981-82 were:

Vice President for Admissions: *Susan Baughman* Homar '74
Vice President for Chapter Activities: *Carroll Blair* Keiger '76
Recording Secretary: *Cecile Mears* Turner '46
Members at Large:
Anne Graves Foster '76
Patricia Jenkins Thomas '68
Margaret McLaughlin Grove '52
Betty Owen '49

President Lester shares a moment with an alumna at the reunion reception.

Lucilla White Whitted '36 (l.) as she chats with Leslie Syron '42 (r.) at the president's reception.

Part of the Open House at the White Star Mill Culinary Shop seems to have caught the eye of Janet Sapp '71 (l.) and Brenda Nichol Goings '71 (r.).

(l. to r.) Joan Craig '47, Jean Baum Mair '40, Mary Beirne Nutt of the Staunton Fine Arts Association and Elaine Meyer '82 savor wine, cheese and conversation at the culinary shop.

ALPINE and ORIENT TOURS

The Alumnae Association of Mary Baldwin College is pleased to announce the 1981 travel program!

Arrangements handled by Trans National Travel of Boston, Mass.

Alpine:
October 14-22, 1981
Munich, St. Moritz, Innsbruck

Orient
October 30-November 14, 1981
Tokyo, Kyoto, Taipei, Hong Kong, Bangkok

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Tennis Championships Draw Top-level Competition

Although the University of Richmond dominated the action of the Mid-Atlantic Women's Collegiate Tennis Championships at MBC May 1-3, Mary Baldwin finished fourth behind the first-place Division I winner.

Lois Blackburn, MBC tennis coach, said "I was extremely pleased that the MBC team performed so well against the level of competition."

Nine colleges and universities participated in the championships, formerly known as MALTA. For the third consecutive year, the University of Richmond captured the team trophy in Division I and II defeating Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. William Paterson College and Trenton State College, both from New Jersey, tied for the team trophy in Division III.

First place singles winner for Flight I, Division I and II was Martha Beddingfield of UR with Hollins College's Diane Weller capturing the title for Flight I, Division III.

The tournament enjoyed for the first time the sponsorship of the United Virginia Bank, and the championships were marked by a team and coaches dinner.

Dates are already being planned for next year's tournament. Extensive radio and television coverage is being considered.

Annette Tector, Virginia Tech top-seeded player, lunges for a forehand.

Tennis coach Lois Blackburn, greets George Maxwell of the United Virginia Bank at the Mid- Atlantic Women's Collegiate Tennis Championships Dinner.